Relocation Assistance Program

Provides relocation information, education and skills development for personnel and families when relocating. This is accomplished by offering a variety of services:

- Home Buying
- Individual Consultations
- Installation Videos/DVDs
- Military HOMEFRONT
- Move Planning
- Right Start (Newcomer's Orientation)
- Sponsorship

School Liaison Office (SLO)

The School Liaison Officer serves as a conduit of school information and is the primary point of contact for public and private school matters. The SLO works to eliminate barriers and build bridges for the academic success of military children through networks and partnerships with local and global communities.

Spouse Employment Program

Assists military spouses with job search assistance and resume review.

Educational Opportunities Include:

- Career Assessment
- Federal Employment
- Resume Workshop
- Small Business Workshop
- Virtual Business Workshop



Transition Assistance Program

Equips separating/retiring military members with the skills and knowledge for the next chapter of their career...reentry into the civilian workforce.

The law directs that Pre-separation Briefing commence as soon as possible within the preceding 24 or 12 months respectively, but NLT 90 days prior to separation at the Airman & Family Readiness Center.

Educational Opportunities Include:

- Career Assessment
- Federal Employment
- Resume Workshop
- Small Business Workshop
- TAP Seminar
- Troops to Teachers
- Veterans' Benefits Briefing
- Virtual Business Workshop

Volunteer Resource Program

A base wide program offering volunteer opportunities around the base and in the local community in a variety of professional settings. Some of the agencies include:

8 AF Museum • Fitness Center American Red Cross • Medical Services A&FRC • Officer Spouses Club • Chapel Retiree Affairs • Enlisted Spouses Group Youth Services



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Our Mission

The primary focus of the Airman & Family Readiness Center is to support Barksdale AFB Readiness by promoting resilient Airmen and their families.

To accomplish our mission we offer a variety of educational programs and services open to *all* military personnel (active duty, reservists, guardsmen and DoD civilians) and their families.

Core Activities Include:

- Crisis assistance for immediate short-term support
- Identification of trends & issues affecting quality of life
- Leadership Consultations
 - Support & Resiliency Inventory (SRI)
- Readiness in all aspects of life

Air Force Aid Society

Provides emergency financial assistance by assessing emergencies and evaluating personal budgets to determine eligibility for an interest free loan or grant.

AFAS also provides the following community programs:

- Car Care Because We Care
- Child Care for PCS
- General Henry H. Arnold Educational Grant
- Give Parents A Break Program
- Respite Care Program

Air Force Wounded Warrior (AFW2)

Assists combat-related ill/injured Airmen and their families in receiving world-class personnel services and support, extended transition assistance, and 5-year case management follow-up.

<u>Casualty/</u> <u>Survivor Benefits Program (SBP)</u>

Provides dignified and compassionate notification and assistance to family members and other designated persons, as promptly as possible after member's casualty status is determined.

SPB Briefings

Discovery Resource Center (DRC)

Equipped with eleven internet-capable computers and a laser printer. Individuals can access websites, review job announcements and check out self-help books related to our core program areas. We also offer Microsoft Office 2007 computer classes (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, and Outlook.

<u>EFMP-FS</u> <u>Special Needs Resource Center</u>

Provides assistance to military families with exceptional family members (Q-coded, gifted, and elderly) to find and access resources/services.

- EFMP Group Meetings
- Information & referral to local, state and federal resources/services

Personal & Family Readiness

Assists single and married DoD personnel and families meet pre-deployment, sustainment, reintegration, and post-deployment challenges. Program helps individuals and families reduce stress and deal with separation and reintegration; increase individual and family morale and unit cohesion; and support operational readiness.

- Families First Events
- Hearts Apart Program (morale calls, e-mail, web-cams)

- Key Spouse Program
- Operation Hero
- Readiness Briefings
- Reunion & Reintegration
- Sweet Dreams

<u>Personal Financial Management</u> Program (PFMP)

Intent is to provide Air Force members and their families the knowledge, tools and techniques to maintain financial readiness. The program focuses on information & referral, education and consultations to plan for day-to-day living needs as well as retirement.

Program Offerings:

- CSB/Redux
- Finance 101
- Financial Planning & Investment Seminar
- Money Club for Singles
- Raising Financially Fit Kids
- Renting Off-Base
- Selling Your Home for Top Dollar
- TSP
- Unit Financial Specialist Training
- Women Building Wealth

Personal and Work Life Education

Offers workshops and resources to assist in adaptation throughout the personal and work life cycle.

- AF 101 for Spouses
- Babysitter Training
- Bundles for Babies
- Individual & Family Assessments
- Relationship enrichment classes such as He Said She Said and Healthy Relationships